



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA ALERT

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PRESS CONFERENCE: BABY MOSES PROGRAM

WHAT : Representative Geanie W. Morrison, R-Victoria will present HFD with the Baby Moses Program signs and posters for HFD Fire Stations. Fire Chief Phil Boriskie and a representative from the local Child Protective Services will also give remarks about the program.

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 7, 2005 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: HFD Station 6, 3402 Washington at Lakin (between Heights and Studemont)

DETAILS: The Baby Moses Law was passed by the State House and Senate on June 6, 1999 as the country's first newborn abandonment bill into law.

The "Baby Moses Law" allows a parent of a baby younger than 60 days old to turn over the baby to a designated emergency infant care provider and protects the parents from criminal prosecution when they deliver the unharmed child to a designated emergency provider.

Fire stations and hospitals were chosen as safe havens because of their ability to provide the necessary medical attention after birth, and their geographic locations. HFD has had several babies taken to fire stations as a result of this program. The most recent baby left at a HFD fire station was taken to Fire Station 46 in southeast Houston in March of this year.